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Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to give the figures?" 11-15 a.m.

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I have not got figures."

Mr. DANIEL THOMAS:—" May I know whether the Government will be pleased to take into consideration the financial aspect of the question and the fact that the amount collected as cycle-tax has decreased during the last year? Will not reduction in cycle-tax encourage more cycles to be used and it will augment the amount of cycle-tax collected?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" It is a matter for the municipal council concerned to make out a case and to convince the Government."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether the Government are aware that when the maximum was fixed in the Act by the Government, the cost of cycles was Rs. 200 or Rs. 300, and whether they are aware that now the cost of cycles has gone down to Rs. 40 and less?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I am aware that cycles are now available at cheap prices."

Resolutions of the Tinnevelly and Palamcottah Municipalities in regard to the reduction of tax on cycles.

* 412 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Tinnevelly Municipality adopted a resolution for the reduction of the tax on bicycles, and solicited the sanction of the Government for the same;

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of the resolution and the letter of the Chairman to the Government in the matter will be placed on the table;

(*c*) what orders have been passed by the Government thereon and whether a copy of it will be placed on the table;

(*d*) whether the said municipality as well as the municipality of Palamcottah asked for the reconsideration of the orders of the Government; and

(*e*) if so, whether the copies of the resolutions in the matter as well as the orders passed thereon will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) Yes. They [a] are placed on the table.

(*d*) Only the Palamcottah Municipality asked for a reconsideration of the orders of Government.

(*e*) They [a] are placed on the table.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 506–508 infra.

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Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder :—" May I know, Sir, how, the resolution No. 233, dated 1st August 1935, of the municipality was *ultra vires?* "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" It is *ultra vires* because no reduction of the tax could be made when once the budget has been approved, in the middle of the financial year."

Redistribution of the electoral divisions of the South Arcot District Board.

* 413 *Q.*—Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the President of the South Arcot District Board has sent up any proposals for the redistribution of the constituencies for election of members to the district board;

(*b*) if so, on what date they were received by Government, and whether Government have passed any orders thereon;

(*c*) what are the proposals referred to in (*a*);

(*d*) whether the proposals were discussed and adopted at a meeting of the district board;

(*e*) whether orders have been issued to the Election Officer to delay the publication of the preliminary electoral rolls; and

(*f*) if so, what other date has been fixed for such publication?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) On 24th July 1935; yes.

(*c*) The proposals were published for criticism at pages 329–334 of Part I-A of *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 13th August 1935.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) & (*f*) The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards fixed 5th October 1935 as the date of publication of preliminary rolls.

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" May I know if the revenue firkas have been changed for the formation of new constituencies in the South Arcot district? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" The constituencies only have been changed; the revenue firkas are there."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" May I take it that in this case, revenue firkas have been adjusted, or parts of them, for the purpose of forming new circles for the district board? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" I am afraid I do not follow the hon. Member. I may state for his information that in all cases, the district board circles are not coterminous with the revenue firkas."